

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29-47 and 63-65 are pending. Claims 29-40, 44-47 and 63-65 are allowed. Claims 41-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) for obviousness over US Patent No. 5,673,053 to Marthinsson in view of Great Britain Patent GB 2,326,002 to Dilworth.

In response, claims 41-43 have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from claim 29. Specifically, the preambles of claims 41-43 are directed to a meter register. Further, claim 41 has been amended to depend from claim 29. Claims 42 and 43 depend from claim 41. Since claim 29 is allowable, claims 41-43 as amended are likewise allowable.

In view of the foregoing, claims 29-47 and 63-65 are in condition for allowance.

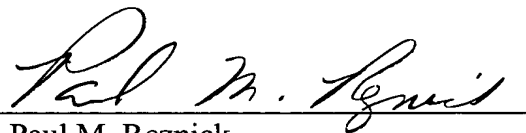
Further, claims 1-28 and 48-62 have been canceled without prejudice as requested by the Examiner, because these claims are the nonelected claims.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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